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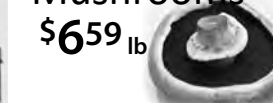
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# letters

## STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT

I'm glad *EW* covered concerns about EWEB's planned water storage tanks at 40th and Patterson ("A Quiet Place for Water," 6/3). Here are more considerations.

The EWEB forest may be the nicest unprotected land remaining in the city of Eugene. The largest Doug-fir in the proposed clearcut is about 15 feet in circumference. EWEB also threatens Ponderosa pines, Oregon white oak and California black oak, plus a variety of native (and non-native) plants. In earlier times, there might already be people sitting in these trees to protect them.

There is an existing water tank at 52nd and Willamette, at higher elevation than Patterson Street. Extra water storage could easily be added to the south, in the publicly owned field next to the power line.

An unspoken part of EWEB's plan is to facilitate overdevelopment. Some years ago EWEB built a water pipe to Veneta to irrigate more subdivisions. Lane County is plotting urbanization between Eugene, Veneta and Junction City. Plans to replace neighborhoods with soulless highrises along south Willamette were narrowly stopped a few years ago but overdevelopers are back, claiming that building more stuff will supposedly lower pollution. Orwellian greenwashing is greenhouse gaslighting. These plans require lots of water.

If existing tanks are really at the end of their life cycle, add a new one at 52nd and Willamette, convert the public's EWEB forest to legally protected parkland and prepare for serious water conservation.

I recommend everyone visit our publicly owned but unprotected forest before the chainsaws and bulldozers do their worst.

Mark Robinowitz  
Eugene

## BORGEN PROJECT IS ABOUT SUPPORTING CORPORATIONS

It is important to understand non-governmental organizations and what

their true goals in the world are. ("The U.S. Can Lead Again" by Sydney Werner, Letters 6/3). The Borgen Project is run by a bunch of multimillion dollar CEOs and, of course, Adam Smith, a congressman from Washington state. They want us to believe that they want to save the world while, in fact, the record of these corporations and individuals is that they want to continue stealing resources from poor countries. They clearly are out to push the U.S. rules-based order, or, you do what we say or we will bomb you back to the dark ages, or we will start a coup or color revolution in your country.

Werner would do well to understand the U.S. is by far the biggest contributor of violence and poverty in the world. In my lifetime we have destroyed well over 15 countries, all based on lies. The Pentagon takes more than 60 percent of our discretionary budget and creates these lies. Poverty in this country goes up as all the discretionary funds go to the Pentagon rather than roads, dams, schools, healthcare, housing, rails and dealing with climate change. I will no longer vote for or support anyone who supports the Pentagon and its NGOs

Susan Macomson  
Eugene

## ENDING THE VIETNAM WAR, IN CONTEXT

The "50 Years Ago" column about the Vietnam War and protests in Eugene (*EW* 5/13) contributes history and inspiration to activism today. Somewhat different views of the protest's role in ending the war are provided in subsequent letters — "Yes, the Vietnam Protesters Ended the War," "Yes, Protests Ended the War" and "Action, Not Protest, Ended the Vietnam War".

Attributing cause and effect to complex global processes and particularly war requires care, particularly the role of the anti-war movement in "ending the war" in which Vietnam was reunited. Many highly significant accomplishments were attributed primarily to the protest



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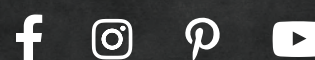
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### THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

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--BUT I'M NOT SAYING THAT!

WHY SHOULD WE LET YOU WORK FROM HOME JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE PROVEN YOU CAN GET YOUR WORK DONE FROM HOME? DAMMIT, I WANT TO SEE PEOPLE RUNNING AROUND AND ACTING BUSY! IT'S CALLED PRODUCTIVITY--PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF IT?

BESIDES, I GET LONELY WITHOUT ANYONE TO YELL AT.

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movement, short of ending the war, in the "50 Years Ago" column. The column was careful in this regard: "According to Appy and other historians, the anti-war movement did not end the war, but surging negative public opinion pressured President Lyndon Johnson to stop the bombing and begin negotiations in 1968, then compelled President Richard Nixon to seek a cease-fire and negotiated settlement in 1972 — much earlier than he otherwise would have."

Other important forces were involved in ending this war. The North Vietnamese Army decisively defeated France in battle leading to French withdrawal in 1954, after which the U.S. attempted to create a separate, U.S.-allied state in southern Vietnam. Within southern Vietnam, the National Liberation Front formed an impressive alliance among nationalist forces that organized politically and militarily for two decades against U.S.-allied forces. The NVA and the NLF played significant roles in ending the war along with sustained popular opposition to the U.S. war, persisting at great sacrifice of millions of Vietnamese lives.

The U.S. anti-war movement needn't be exaggerated. It made significant contributions to ending the war, to cultural transformation, and demonstrated the power of people to make important change.

Dennis Gilbert  
Eugene

### BOOMERS SOLD OUT

Multiple letters to *EW* lately support Matthew Johnson's letter (Letters 5/27), explaining how the anti-war movement ended the Vietnam War. I agree. This topic generated letters because it struck a nerve with Baby

Boomers. I'm going to strike that nerve again, but differently.

Boomers, what happened when the war ended? I'll tell you. You got yours. You finished your college degrees, got good jobs and bought homes in segregated neighborhoods. You had kids who went to segregated schools. You recreated in segregated spaces. Oh, they weren't overtly designated as segregated, but they were — due to racist laws, policies and covenants.

You put your kids through college. Many of you enjoy a comfortable retirement from those good jobs. Some of you landed so well that you've bought homes for your kids and grandkids, or at least gave them noteworthy house down payments.

Your activism did not enter your board rooms, involvement with your kids' schools or neighborhood barbecues. You didn't question why your community, occupation, or kid's school were so white. True, some of you continued the fight. But generally speaking, white Baby Boomers sold out.

You could have made significant changes in the fabric of our society. You could have turned your energy to fighting racism and creating equitable housing and hiring practices. Instead, you settled into your whiteness. You had the numbers and the economic power, but your activism died on the vine.

Pity. We could've had a better country.

Alex Li  
Eugene

### DUMP THE HUMPS

Science tells us that for every action, there's an equal and opposite reaction. Reality tells us that motor vehicles emit dramatically more carbon pollution negotiating speed humps than they do



traveling at a constant speed (Google it). Statistics tell us that far more people die from climate change than from motor vehicle accidents (look it up).

Logic tells us that speed humps are therefore bad for our children, our neighborhoods and our planet. And when seconds count, speed humps slow the response time of first responders (ask them). You could be the next victim. Follow the science and stop the insanity of installing speed humps on south Jefferson Street at the behest of a few control freak activists.

Don Richey  
Eugene

## TEACHERS NEED FREEDOM

Over the last few months, White nationalists and other conservatives have been pressuring school boards and teachers to stay away from subjects like “critical race theory” that criticize the America they think they live in, i.e., an America without systemic racism, a climate emergency, dangerous pollution, culturally diverse beliefs and laissez faire capitalism (lazy unfair capitalism). Somehow, these parents and advocates think that teachers are indoctrinators, like preachers, autocrats or themselves.

Teaching is an art. A good teacher asks questions and presents material that elicit critical and creative thinking and inspire further inquiry — the opposite of indoctrination. Teachers need the freedom to explore new ideas with their students (in conjunction with the agreed-upon curriculum) without this obsessive, stifling, mistrusting scrutiny. Anyway, the parents have many hours to influence their prized little robots at home. Maybe we should be scrutinizing all the bullshit they're spreading at the dinner table.

Jack Cooper  
Eugene

## VIEWPOINT BY BECCA HILL

# Pride Rising

PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS COMMITTED TO THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

This Pride Month and every month, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon is proud to honor the diversity, strength, resilience and joy of the LGBTQ+ movement. And we are committed to advocating for the entire community, ensuring everyone can access the care they need and deserve — not just during National Pride Month in June, and not just during Eugene's Pride in August, but all year.

The history of the LGBTQ+ community shows the power of resistance. This resistance has been ever-present in our daily survival, long before and after the 1969 Stonewall Riots — in which transgender women of color like Marsha P. Johnson and Zazu Nova, and a courageous group of LGBTQ+ people pushed back against state-sanctioned violence by police, sparking the modern LGBTQ+ movement and demonstrating that deep, long-lasting social change comes from solidarity and protest.

The struggles for LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive rights and racial justice are inextricably linked. As I have deepened my own understanding of my own transness, queerness and our community's powerful history, I am proud to be part of an organization that works in solidarity with LGBTQ+ people from the Black, Indigenous and AAPI communities as they organize against the systemic racism that permeates every American institution and violence against their bodies, livelihoods and lives. And PPAO is committed to building a world where no one experiences discrimination or violence because of who they are.

To do this, we must examine and work to address the systemic barriers, oppression and discrimination that continue to impact the health and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community, especially LGBTQ+ people of color.

This year PPAO is advocating for several bills before the Oregon Legislature that will support the health of LGBTQ+ Oregonians: allowing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense PrEP to prevent HIV; increasing access to menstrual products; and implementing a statewide education plan for LGBTQ2SIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning, two-spirit, intersex, asexual, plus) students that aims to address negative physical and mental health outcomes for our youth. Both the Menstrual Dignity Act and the LGBTQ2SIA+ Student Success Plan are in the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education, and the PrEP bill is waiting for a vote in the Senate — we need our legislators to act on these bills now before the session ends June 27.

Post-Donald Trump, LGBTQ+ people's ability to access health care, raise their families and live their most authentic lives is still under attack. This is even more true for Black, Latinx, AAPI and Indigenous LGBTQ+ people as well as immigrants, people with disabilities and those living at the intersections of these identities who continue to face oppression and violence. The Trump administration was a product of larger systems of oppression that existed long before 2016: Racism, transphobia, homophobia, misogyny and ableism are all baked into every single aspect of our country's history and present.

These systems of oppression lead to violence. According to the Human Rights Campaign, 2020 was the worst year on record for violence against trans and gender-nonconforming people, the majority of whom were Black and Latina trans women. This year, transgender and nonbinary youth have been targeted in state legislatures across the country, with the aim of criminalizing and disappearing our community by cutting off access to lifesaving gender-affirming care.


These systems of oppression also lead to bad health outcomes. People of color who are LGBTQ+ are being disproportionately hurt by COVID-19, amid existing inequities in health care because of systemic racism and oppression. Trump's Title X gag rule blocked patients nationwide from going to Planned Parenthood for critical preventive care including birth control and HIV, STI and cancer screenings, which otherwise may be inaccessible to members of the LGBTQ+ community. In Oregon, we worked closely with state officials to create critical backstops and protect access to care for all people who need it, but the Title X program still needs a permanent fix. The process of undoing this gag rule is slow-moving, and nothing can undo the harm inflicted on people already denied care.

Deep, structural changes must be made to ensure long-term safety and health for our community. Federal civil rights laws do not explicitly protect LGBTQ+ people, leaving us vulnerable to discrimination in health care, employment, housing, credit, education and more. Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley is championing the Equality Act in Congress — landmark legislation that would amend the Civil Rights Act to protect LGBTQ+ people. The House passed it in February, and the Senate should act immediately to send it to President Joe Biden for his signature. This necessary step is the floor, not the ceiling, when it comes to federal policy changes to support LGBTQ+ people.

This community is so much more than the disheartening statistics collected and disseminated about our lives. We are beautiful, creative survivors. We deserve human dignity. We deserve to be celebrated.

As LGBTQ+ people continue to be resilient in the face of oppression, PPAO will keep working with our coalition partners to protect the safety, health and rights of this community. We won't stop fighting until all people are liberated from oppression, have the right to make their own decisions about their bodies and can live joyful, restful and healthy lives. ■

Becca Hill (they/them) of Eugene serves as field organizer for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon. For more information visit [PPAOregon.org](http://PPAOregon.org).




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# Elizabeth 'Lisa' Ann Fowler, April 21, 1967- April 3, 2021

REMEMBERED FOR HER BIG HEART AND FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR OTHERS

By Camilla Mortensen

**"S**he was one of the best people I have met in my lifetime," says Elizabeth "Lisa" Fowler's friend Janice Scott. "I just cannot believe she is gone. She was like a mother to me."

Fowler, who died April 3, is remembered by her friends and loved ones as "loud and proud," quick to stand up for those she cared about and be there for them.

"It didn't matter what hard times Lisa had or went through," says her aunt, Lyn Fowler, "she never complained, and she always had a hug for everybody, not just a smile, she had a hug."

Lisa Fowler was known, loved and respected around the homeless community, says Melissa Swick, who met Fowler in December 2018 at the St. Vincent de Paul's Dusk to Dawn homeless campsite on Highway 99. Swick works there and sometimes plays her music for the unhoused clients, watching them "dance and have some joy," even just for a short time.

After they met, Swick says, she realized that Fowler was the "tía" to her boyfriend's daughter. The Spanish term for aunt comes from Fowler's time in Southern California, Swick says. "She loved her kids and new grandbabies," she says. "She loved the Dallas Cowboys."



LISA FOWLER (LEFT) AND FRIEND MELISSA SWICK

Lyn Fowler says her niece had a big heart and a kind heart, "and she'd give anybody anything even if she didn't have much."

Scott says she first met Lisa Fowler years ago living in Junction City, but didn't know her well at the time. They came to know each other later. She says she called

Fowler her "walker stalker" after each of them started to use a walker, and they ran into each other, everywhere, all the time.

Fowler defended her friends, Scott says, even fought for them. "Rarely was she mad, but when she was, watch out."

Scott adds, "She was a really awesome person. If you needed a shoulder to cry on, she was there, but she was gonna tell you how it was, no matter what." There was no beating around the bush at all with Lisa, she says. "She was most definitely a straightforward type of person."

Fowler struggled with alcoholism and cirrhosis of the liver, according to those who knew her. "Even though Lisa knew her time was limited," Scott says, "she always remained in good spirits." She was "a happy, energetic go-lucky type of gal" who was always joking and happy.

Scott says, "All anybody ever needs to know and remember was how awesome and cool Lisa was."

Fowler is survived by her family in Junction City and California and by her many friends in the Lane County community. ■

*Eugene Weekly seeks to run an obituary for every person who dies homeless in Lane County in 2021. This is the eighth we've published so far. If you know of someone who has died here while homeless this year, please let us know at [Editor@EugeneWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@EugeneWeekly.com).*

## It's About Time

By David Wagner

Suddenly, in the third week of May, pine siskins disappeared from our yard. Ever since last year's Labor Day fire, our feeders have been crowded with unusually high numbers of goldfinches and other small birds. None were more dramatic than the flocks of pine siskins. This past fall and winter their numbers grew so much they dominated the feeders, a dozen or more at a time. Concomitantly with this surge in numbers came the spread of salmonella infection among the pine siskins.

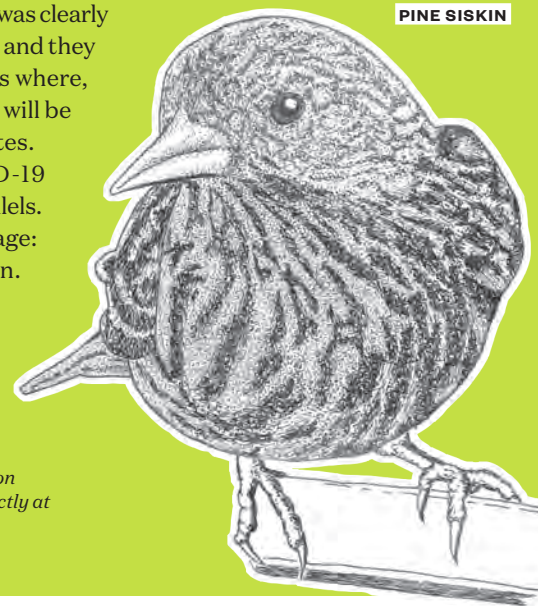
This salmonella outbreak occurred throughout the Pacific Northwest. I found dead birds in our garden and had to euthanize some who sat shivering on the feeder, unable to fly away. Mortality was so high that the Audubon Society urged us to put away our feeders for a couple of weeks. The idea was to prevent transmission by forcing them to hunt natural seed sources individually. I put away our finch seed feeders and kept a platform feeder out of sight for most of the winter. After a recommended pause, I put seed feeders back up. The pine siskins returned in former

numbers. Thankfully, infection rate was clearly less. Migration day has arrived now and they have gone away to nesting grounds where, hopefully, the salmonella infection will be reduced to normal background rates.

The global spread of COVID-19 among humans has significant parallels. Humans have a significant advantage: a vaccine that prevents infection. But birdbrains among us refuse vaccines and cluster in spreader situations. Lord save us.

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# An Extended Stay

A LOOK INTO EUGENE'S FORMER RED LION HOTEL, NOW PROVIDING TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR FAMILIES DISPLACED BY THE WILDFIRE

By Taylor Perse

When the Holiday Farm Fire ravaged the land along the McKenzie River last Labor Day weekend, it left many residents displaced, their homes destroyed. Nine months later, some were able to return, but others are still living in temporary housing.

In response to the ongoing housing need, Lane County partnered with Homes For Good and received funding from the state to purchase a Red Lion Hotel on East Broadway in Eugene, converting rooms into temporary supportive housing for those displaced by wildfires. Since it opened in March, the hotel has provided housing for many families who have been living in hotels and with friends, but some McKenzie River residents have voiced concerns about safety, and that other people living in the former hotel are not from fire-affected areas.

Ela Kubok, the communications director for Homes For Good, says some families have already transitioned out of the hotel and into more permanent housing. More people moved in and, as of June, 98 people fill 48 out of the 50 available rooms. "We need a lot more than this location could offer, but it is what we are working with," Kubok says. "What we hope is that some families or people are able to move on so others can be referred to and start living there as well."

Lane County got money to buy the hotel through a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, which provides grants to efforts such as Project Turnkey, a state-wide project that provides funds for counties to purchase housing for those at risk for homelessness. The hotel was purchased for \$5.5 million and costs around \$970,000 to operate for a year, according to Steve Manela, Lane County Human Services Division manager.

After the hotel was bought and converted into living spaces, families affected by the wildfire moved in and Homes For Good took over the day-to-day operations, Kubok says.

She says the goal is to eventually move those living in the hotel into other housing, whether it's a rebuilt home along the McKenzie River or affordable housing provided by Homes For Good.

"It is definitely not ideal to be staying in a hotel that's intended for short stays," Kubok says. She says when folks moved in, Homes For Good hosted a giveaway, providing cutlery, mugs, crockpots and other kitchen utensils to help residents feel more at home.

Manela says after the fire survivors move out and find housing, the hotel, which residents voted to rename Bridges On Broadway, will be converted to permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals living on the streets of Eugene.

"We hope there is an ability to purchase more properties like this. It's more cost effective than building new buildings," Manela says.

Because there are no kitchenettes in the hotel rooms, Kubok says residents have several options for meals. They can use appliances, like microwaves and slow cookers, in their own room. The local YMCA provides healthy snacks weekly, and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) coordinates other meal deliveries.

"There's issues that come with that, like space constraints and location of the hotel," Kubok says. She adds that the closest grocery store, Whole Foods, is not a budget friendly place to shop.

Some families have not felt comfortable living at Bridges On Broadway.

After being displaced by the fire, Heather Holland was living in the Marriott Courtyard hotel in Springfield. She was told one day that she would be transferred to Bridges On Broadway. Holland, her boyfriend and her 12-year-old daughter moved to the new space, knowing they had no other choice.

Holland says after living in the former Red Lion hotel, she is concerned with a lack of enforcement of the rules. She says this leads to unclean hallways, unwanted guests in the building, drug use and people not following COVID-19

protocols. There is not really any oversight, she says.

"It's not somewhere I want to leave my daughter when I'm gone at work during the day," Holland says.

Kubok says Homes For Good has a contract with a security officer who is supposed to monitor safety. She also says that after getting residents' feedback they updated their guest policy so that guests have to sign in and be accompanied by a resident.

Holland's other concern is that not everyone receiving the housing is from the McKenzie River area. She says there are people that aren't supposed to live there, and she wants a better process for vetting individuals at this point, more than nine months after the fire.

Melanie Brite owned the liquor store and only grocery store in Blue River. Brite has lived in that area for 29 years and says her store was the unofficial town hall "because if you needed information, you'd come in there."

She says she has seen herself, and heard from multiple people living at Bridges On Broadway, that there are people living there who aren't from the McKenzie River community. Brite explains that she knows every person, housed and unhoused, who lives along the river.

"There is a lot of illegal activity happening there," she says of Bridges On Broadway. "There are people that don't necessarily feel safe there, but they don't have another choice."

ODHS is in charge of screening individuals to live in Project Turnkey locations. In an email, Sherryll Hoar, a communications officer with ODHS, writes that for the screening process, they interview individuals over the phone. For Bridges On Broadway, Hoar says a person or family qualifies if they lost their primary dwelling in the Holiday Farm Fire and need shelter.

"The evacuee gives us their pre-disaster address which is verified as being in the impacted area. If it is questionable then further verification can be requested," she says, adding that there will always be a limit to the information that can be validated in some circumstances.

ODHS cautions people not to judge others, Hoar says, and "some evacuees did not live in typical housing situations," giving as examples people living in an RV on Forest Service land, or staying on someone else's property.

Kubok says that if people have issues they should contact the property manager or customer service. She says the front desk is staffed 24/7.

"We prioritized housing people. There is a lot more thoughtfulness and improvement to everyone's experience that we are hoping to grow together in the time we serve residents of Bridges on Broadway," she says. ■

## slant

• The controversial **Bureau of Land Management's Thurston Hills**

**project has hit another legal roadblock.** Federal Magistrate Judge Mustafa Kasubhai ruled June 4 that although the BLM did its due diligence for sharing the environmental impact of the logging project, it had failed to follow a previous court order to clearly mark where recreational space for trails would be. Environmental nonprofits Oregon Wild and Cascadia Wildlands, who filed the suit, are celebrating this as a win. Read more at EugeneWeekly.com.

• Over the past weekend, Lane County finally passed the **65 percent threshold** and is now considered "lower risk," Lane County Chair Joe Berney said at a June 8 press conference. Berney celebrated the accomplishment, but urged unvaccinated folks it's their "patriotic duty" to get jabbed so the state can get 70 percent and Oregon can really start re-opening.

• **What we are reading:** A friend reminded us of a book we reviewed back in 2019, Debra Gwartney's *I Am A Stranger Here Myself*, which melds her own

memoir and the history of Narcissa Whitman and the Christian mission she was part of. The book brings out the ambiguous feeling of loving the West but being interlopers here as well.

• Nancy Webber, a central player in raising the money for and developing Civic Park, was honored June 4 when the **Lane United Reds opened their season against a Portland team on the new field.** No bleachers yet, but a good crowd sat on the grass, and red smoke went up after every Reds goal — four in all but not enough to win the match. Little kids ran tirelessly around the field, and eats and beer were sold. Weber and her team still must raise \$1.6 million for this fine community facility. We expect they will do it.

• Emily Proudfoot, principal landscape architect for the city of Eugene, will be the speaker for the June 11 City Club virtual meeting. Her topic is **"Why Playgrounds Are Worth the Price."** This program airs on the City Club Facebook and YouTube pages, starting at noon Friday.

• **We note with sadness the passing on June 1 of Celeste Rose**, founder of Rose Children's Theatre in Eugene, which gave many local actors their start on

stage. Over a long career she created or adapted more than 60 plays, both for children and for marionettes, one of her favorite art forms. Rose also wrote short stories and novels and sang alto in the chancel choir at Central Presbyterian Church. In 2002 she was honored for her work with the Bishop Arts and Letters Award, given to people who have enriched Eugene's cultural life through involvement in the arts and letters. She'll be missed.





# A DOG'S LIFE

## FINDING A WAY TO LIVE WITH CANINE EPILEPSY DURING THE PANDEMIC

BY CAMILLA MORTENSEN

It was bound to happen sooner or later, given the nature of Aksel's disease and the nature of COVID-19-induced remote meetings.

But still, my heart dropped when I realized that my dog was having an epileptic seizure, just off screen, as I was in the middle of a Zoom call.

"One sec," I told the other participants as calmly as I could. "My dog is having a seizure."

Seizures are pretty horrible to watch. In my Rhodesian ridgeback's case, his whole body stiffens, his eyes go wide and staring, his jaws begin to chomp uncontrollably and finally he paddles his legs frantically as if he can outrun what has taken over his body. For him, the worst of it lasts only about a minute, but for me it feels like forever.

Specialists say he's not aware of what's happening, but it looks terrifying.

This one was mild as grand mals go, and I have been lucky that Aksel is usually quick to recover and often falls asleep soon afterward. When his body relaxed and he became conscious, I slipped him the pills he takes to prevent a cluster of seizures, checked to make sure all seemed well and returned to the meeting, the whole time wanting to just get off the call and hold my dog, and yet also grateful that my current life allows me to be there almost every time he seizes.

*First seizure: 2 am, July 29, 2019, at the dogsitter, fell off the bed.*

I have always been a bit of a crazy dog person — it's been years since I have had any fewer than two dogs and sometimes two plus a couple foster dogs. And I have always been pretty lucky in having jobs where I could have my dogs with me. When Aksel, a ridgeback without a ridge, was diagnosed with idiopathic epilepsy in the summer of 2019, even my vet commented that if anyone's dog was going to have seizures, at least it was someone like me who brings my dogs to work every day.

As the pandemic wraps up, many of us working from home now need to transition from being able to be with our dogs full time back into the old normal. The effects of COVID-19 have strengthened the relationship we have with our pets, but also put some of us into a quandary — what do we do when it's time to go back into the office or start socializing when we'd rather be home taking care of these creatures we love? Instead of doing what seems to have come even more naturally than ever in the pandemic — Googling for information — I tried to be proactive and reached out to medical specialists.

### COVID PUPS

*Second seizure: 10 am, Aug. 14, 2019, in kennel at office, asleep 1-2 min, stiffened, padded, drooled and peed.*

COVID has made the fact I have my pets around me all the time become considerably less weird. There's hardly a Zoom without a *catus-interruptus* incident of a feline stalking the screen or

dogs barking in the background setting off other dogs on the Zoom. Back in October 2020, Sen. Jeff Merkley was Zooming with *Eugene Weekly's* editorial staff when all 90 pounds of Aksel decided to climb into my lap. Before I could be embarrassed, the senator sadly told us his own dog had recently died and it made him happy to "meet" Aksel.

The endless days of working from home during COVID have somehow made it more OK to admit that for some of us, pets are as much family as our human relatives are. Animal shelters across the country reported surges in dog adoptions, and puppy sales spiked as well, according to the American Kennel Club. Locally, Sam Schwartz of Greenhill Humane Society and First Avenue Shelter says though their adoption numbers "aren't very different, we are seeing much more people interested in adopting."

And, sadly, it remains to be seen if, as the pandemic wraps up, there will also be a surge in people giving up their pandemic pets. A survey by Merck Animal Health showed that 73 percent of those who became dog owners for the first time this year have considered re-homing them once the pandemic ends.

*Third seizure: A cluster of seizures first one 4 pm Sept. 5, 2019, then 10 pm, then 5 am Sept. 6. Spent the next day at the vet, started phenobarbital.*

I can't help but to wonder if the relatively low life expectancy I have seen for dogs with epilepsy is not due to the disease but rather to dog owners that can't deal with it. One study in the *Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine* found that "the median number of years that a dog lived with epilepsy was 2.3 years," and "the prognosis for dogs with epilepsy is dependent on a combination of veterinary expertise, therapeutic success and the owner's motivation."

Aksel and I have been dealing with his epilepsy for almost two years. At this point I am spending about \$200 a month on his medications alone. The dog owners I know love their pets like family, but a disease like this is expensive and intimidating. Schwartz also tells me that Greenhill saw a huge increase during the pandemic in the need to help community members with pets. She says, "Last year we distributed over 50,000 pounds of pet food through our Community Pet Food Bank."

I am a huge advocate for rescue dogs. Biggie is a foster fail out of Carson Animal Shelter in Los Angeles, and my last several dogs were rescues as well. Aksel is from a breeder. He's the nephew of a ridgeback named Zella whom I shared with my ex. Like her, he is ridgeless, but where some breeders cull (kill) ridgeless pups, this one finds them homes as pets. When Zella died it broke my heart, and I wanted a dog as wonderful as she was.

But where Zella was the elegant and classic aloof-to-strangers ridgeback, Aksel is goofy with the bonhomie of a slightly drunk frat boy. He loves everyone he meets and wants nothing more than to climb on your lap and stick his tongue in your ear. I suspect this is only exacerbated by the medications he is on to try to control his seizures.

### DOGS WITH SEIZURES

*Fourth seizure: 10 pm, Dec. 5, 2019.*

*Fifth seizure: 10 pm, Dec. 28, 2019.*

Seizures occur in three stages, pre-ictal or prodrome, where some dog owners say they can tell by the way their dog acts that a seizure is impending. Then the ictal stage, or actual seizure, where there is intense electrical activity in the brain; and post-ictal, which can last for hours or days. I have never





# DR. CAMERON EXPLAINS THAT HAVING SEIZURES IS THE MOST COMMONLY DIAGNOSED AND TREATED NEUROLOGIC CONDITION IN DOGS.

seen anything pre-ictal in Aksel, and so far his post-ictal period is very short; he's out of it and hungry for a little while. What is commonly called a "grand mal" seizure is now called a tonic-clonic seizure, where first the muscles stiffen and spasm (tonic) and then jerking movements begin (clonic). Contrary to popular belief neither dogs nor people swallow their tongues.

Sometimes, Aksel goes a month to three months between seizures, but I am always waiting for the next one. Epilepsy, as it turns out, can lead to a lot of superstition in dog owners. After Aksel's first seizures, I started Googling right and left and immediately made myself crazy. Was it that I was feeding the wrong dog food? Was it the scents I diffuse in the office? Does rosemary cause seizures? Could I cure his epilepsy with a raw diet?

I joined a couple canine seizure support groups on Facebook and quickly left a couple of them, freaked out by the paranoia — I had enough of that on my own. I am still in one of them that is kind and helpful, and see dog owners across the world freaking out the way I did.

You know what you should never do when you or your pet is diagnosed with a serious disease? Consult Dr. Google. Knowledge is indeed power, but internet knowledge is not the same as talking to an expert.

Per my local veterinarian's advice, I made an appointment with Dr. Daniel Krull of Columbia River Veterinary Specialists in Vancouver, Washington. As it turns out, there are just not many veterinarians specializing in neurology around the Northwest. There are none at the vet hospital at Oregon State University, and aside from Dr. Krull, the closest specialists I found were at VCA Northwest Veterinary Specialists in Clackamas. All had a several-month waiting list, but Aksel and I got into Dr. Krull quickly, thanks to an appointment that opened up.

Aksel got a neurological workup and was diagnosed with idiopathic epilepsy. There was no indication of brain tumor or other disease, so I decided to forgo a spendy MRI or spinal tap. Krull carefully explained the disease to me, accompanied by white board notes, while Aksel lolled about drunkenly. Phenobarbital and a lot of other epilepsy drugs basically slow the brain down, so side effects are ataxia, meaning he lacked muscle control, and lethargy. Basically, Aksel was fully gorked for a while and gets a little wasted for a couple weeks every time he gets a new drug added to his cocktail.

Epilepsy is a capricious disease. It can occur in any breed or mixed breed. I later reach out to Dr. Krull with some questions about epilepsy in dogs and he tells me that "a few predisposed breeds with a higher prevalence of epilepsy include Belgian shepherds, border collies, Labrador retrievers and Irish wolfhounds." And he adds that some breeds "are more challenging to treat and less likely to be well-controlled on medications" — this he says includes Australian shepherds, border collies and St. Bernards.

As luck would have it, or lack of it, Aksel's epilepsy is not that easy to control. He's now on phenobarbital, zonisamide and pregabalin every 12 hours. He also gets levetiracetam every eight hours after a seizure for 48 hours to ward off a cluster. These are all human medications being used for dogs. Dr. Krull tells me that it's "rare to have drugs developed specifically for dogs. Often we see medications that have worked well in humans trialed with dogs. Typically there are pharmacological and safety studies performed."

But, he adds, when you have a dog whose seizures are poorly controlled and "on all of the typical anti-seizure medications, we don't have much to lose from trying new medications."

## STUDYING CANINE SEIZURES

*Sixth seizure: 10 pm Feb. 3, and 6:45 am, Feb. 4, 2020, a cluster. We increased his levetiracetam.*

I went through what I call the stages of canine epilepsy: 1. Denial: Surely, this was a one-off caused by some outside factor like flea control. 2. Magical cures: Maybe CBD will fix it. 3. Twitchiness and paranoia: I can't sleep or concentrate because I am waiting for another seizure. He sniffed a

rosemary bush, he played too hard. 5. Acceptance: This sucks, but we can live with it.

Talking to a neurologist helped, and since I am a proactive person, I started looking into other things I could do.

I started buying Aksel a dog food made with medium chain triglycerides, which are shown to reduce seizures in dogs, per a study by the British Royal Veterinary College (RVC). I looked into a study on epileptic dogs and CBD at Colorado State University, and I enrolled him in a study on epileptic dogs by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Small Animal Neurology Service. Aksel qualified for the Madison study by dint of his age, history of seizures and the panoply of aforementioned expensive medications.

I was unsure about the CBD study, so I decided to wait — CBD can elevate a dog's liver enzymes and Aksel is already on phenobarbital, which can also affect the liver. So I will wait and see how the study pans out.

The Madison study involved Aksel wearing a FitBark collar — think Fitbit for dogs — tracking his exercise and sleeping habits for six months. Three of the months he just did his normal Aksel stuff, the other three he took a "supplement." Other dogs were asked to change their exercise habits.

*Seventh seizure: 7:45 am, Feb. 25, 2020, in bed.*

*Eighth seizure: 7:45 am, Feb. 29, 2020, in back of car. Started zonisamide March 6.*

*Ninth seizure: 8:22 pm, May 9, 2020, asleep on my lap on the couch. Got video. Was wearing FitBark.*

One of the things the FitBark did was help me get myself out of the overprotective funk I had gotten into around my dog. I was protecting him from everything, including exercise. Tracking Aksel's "BarkPoints" — a "system that measures physical activity in line with best veterinary practices in terms of 'activity counts' generated from 3D accelerometer readings," according to the FitBark website — clued me into the fact I had let my dog become really inactive. We slowly began running, starting with long walks.

The study also asked us to video and track seizures. I use an app for tracking dog seizures from the RVC, and I record video on my phone. You feel helpless while watching a beloved pet gasping and paddling, and, weirdly, videoing gives you a sense you are doing something. It also helps track the length of a seizure. If one goes on for too long — for example, five minutes or more — or too close together it is called status epilepticus and can be life-threatening. The dog could overheat and it could kill him. I have emergency medications like nasal midazolam on hand to help arrest a seizure were that to happen.

The videos, seizure log and data went to the study. The first round of results came out earlier this year, and I called Dr. Starr Cameron, the veterinarian leading the study, to ask her about what she found.

One of the first things Dr. Cameron said to me was that we know more about seizures in sea lions than we do about seizures in dogs and cats. This is because it's difficult to observe seizures naturally. You can induce seizures to study them, but she points out there are ethical issues with this, and induced seizures don't look or behave like naturally occurring seizures. The FitBark allowed researchers to track the canine participants' sleep and exercise. Aksel, like many epileptic dogs, tends to have his seizures while sleeping or waking from sleep, often at night.

*10th seizure: 6:04 am, June 25, 2020, 6:04 am asleep in bed, head on my chest.*

*11th seizure: 2:49 pm, June 29, 2020, 2:49 pm dozing in his kennel at my office.*

Dr. Cameron explains that having seizures is the most

commonly diagnosed and treated neurologic condition in dogs. Epilepsy occurs, according to Dr. Krull, in about one percent of canines. Generally, dogs are treated with the aforementioned anti-epileptic medications with their known side effects, including sedation and lethargy.

But, Cameron says, "we do not have quantitative information to let owners know how much lethargy to expect — and if that is transient or more long-term." So one of the goals of the study "was to compare activity and sleep in dogs with idiopathic epilepsy receiving anti-epileptic drugs to age- and breed-matched controls."

Somewhere out there in FitBark land, Aksel was being compared to another ridgeback.

The first part of the study — on sleep and activity levels — has wrapped up. Cameron says part two is to come, which looks at the effects of exercise on seizures. Part three looks to see if the FitBark can track if a seizure happened.

Cameron says, "We found that our epileptic dogs receiving treatment with medications had an average of 18 percent decrease in activity compared to age- and breed-matched controls. We did not find any difference in the sleep restlessness between the two groups."

The interesting part about the exercise — beyond knowing I had been guilty of exercising my dog less after his seizures started — was that Cameron says, anecdotally in clinical experience, dogs are like people where exercise is more protective. So, like people, dogs who exercise tend to be healthier. After I talked to Dr. Cameron, much to Biggie's disgust and Aksel's delight, we started to run three miles about three days a week. On the days I feel like slacking, I remind myself that running just might be helping him.

Aksel will reach the two-year mark of epilepsy this August. And this summer marks what is hopefully the beginning of the end of COVID-19 pandemic. I see others in my dog seizure support group get more and more worried about returning to work and not being there when their dog seizes. "In general," Dr. Krull says of fears of not being there when your pet has a seizure, "the best we can do is to be aggressive and proactive with treating seizures to reduce the chance of a serious or life-threatening episode occurring at home."

I am lucky that Aksel and Biggie come with me to the office. COVID-19 also weirdly took the pressure off of socializing, since I do fret when I am not there, in case Aksel has a seizure without me. I bought cameras I can watch him on when I do have to leave him.

*12th seizure: 9 am, Oct. 12, 2020, asleep in bed.*

*13th seizure: 5:30 am, 5:30 Oct. 15, 2020, asleep in bed. Seizure was about 24 hours after last dose of levetiracetam. Increased zonisamide by 100 mg each dose on Oct. 20.*

*14th seizure: 1:09 am, Oct. 28, 2020, asleep in bed.*

*15th seizure: 8:43 am, Dec. 4, 2020, asleep in bed.*

*16th seizure: 4:30 am, Dec. 11, 2020, asleep in bed. Small seizure. Increased zonisamide again.*

*17th seizure: 8:20 am, Feb. 2, 2021, laying in bed.*

*18th seizure: 5:20 am Feb. 5 2021, asleep in bed. Short seizure, discussed medications with Dr. Krull.*

*19th seizure: 10:53 am, Feb. 16, 2021, small seizure — same as Feb. 5, just his head again.*

*20th seizure: 2:55 pm April 30, 2021, asleep in bed.*

*21st seizure: 6:30 pm May 3, 2021, asleep in kennel at office. Started 75 mg pregabalin.*

As this story goes to press, Aksel will have gone more than 30 days without a seizure. Dr. Krull would like to see him go four to six months. So we added the third medication, pregabalin, and Aksel is just a little more dopey and unbalanced than he was before.

It makes me sad to give this dog so many medications, no matter how happily he wolfs them down wrapped in peanut butter. But he's still with me and still happy-go-lucky. When COVID ends, he will be thrilled to leap onto local politicians' laps instead of just into their video screens. For now he naps in my office as I type this, Biggie curled up beside him, dreaming not of seizures, but of snuggles, treats and perhaps his next adventure. ■





There are the old stories of rural communities where everyone trusts each other and no one bothers to lock their car doors — except during zucchini season because that prolific vegetable is sprouting everywhere and unloading the excess on an unsuspecting “friend” is an easy way to ease the surplus. What can you do? **The Heart of Willamette Cooking School** is here to help you be creative with the zucchini and more with online classes starting this week. In the first class, you can learn to make zucchini garlic scape fritters and zucchini chocolate chip brownies. Later classes this summer include a beginners class on strawberry rhubarb pie and Tunisian cooking as well as a class on basic knife skills. On June 22 there will be a class affiliated with Lane County Farmers Market — “Eat With the Seasons” — that is sponsored by Equiano Coffee of Eugene. So keep your fruits and vegetables and be creative with HOW Cooking School.

Public cooking classes with Heart of Willamette Cooking School start June 10 and run through July 11. Information and registration can be found at [HowCookingSchool.com](http://HowCookingSchool.com). Zucchini can soon be found anywhere. All classes are \$35, sliding scale. — *Dan Buckwalter*

## GENERAL

**LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

### ACTIVIST ALERT

Thursday, June 17: Conozca Sus Derechos: Para Inmigrantes (Know Your Rights for Immigrants), 3-5pm, CLDC.org.

### ART EXHIBITS

*Exhibition: The Vanishing West: Photographs by Rich Bergeman* (thru June 12), White Lotus Gallery.

*Different Perspectives Art Show* at Bennett Vineyards (thru June 13), 3-8pm.

UO Student Exhibition: *Dimensions Between* (thru June 16), Gordon Hotel.

*Duet Focus Exhibit - Barb Meyer + Christine Hannegan and Duet Window Exhibit - Anna Mallard + Ann Durley* (thru June 30), River Gallery in Independence.

*Bets Cole: Right Angles + Raw Edges: Buildings in the Landscape* (thru July 10), Karin Clarke Gallery.

Flower Spirits: Watercolors by Kaya Singer (thru Aug. 12), Park Street Cafe.

Studio 7 reopening. More info at Studio 7 Facebook.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.UOregon.edu.

### FILM

Heritage Broadcasting Service (Eugene) has more than 137 titles to choose from, including recent additions *Twelve Canoes, Cedar: Tree of Life* and *Legacy in Stone*. More info at [HeritageTac.org](http://HeritageTac.org).

### GATHERINGS

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

### HEALTH

YMCA Choose-Your-Own Fitness Adventure: Oregon Edition (thru Sept. 13). More info at [EugeneYMCA.org](http://EugeneYMCA.org).

Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at Facebook.

Workout & Yoga Classes at West Lane Fitness in Veneta. More info at [WestLane-Fitness.com](http://WestLane-Fitness.com).

Yoga & Workout Classes at Yoga West Eugene. More info at [YogaWestEugene.com](http://YogaWestEugene.com)

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga.us; WildLightYogaCenter.com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced.com; YogaEugene.com.

All levels of yoga (chair, advanced, yoga for health care workers and children) at Vista Wellness Ctr. Visit [VistaPsych.com](http://VistaPsych.com) for more info.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Eugene Public Library: *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry* and *Big Hungry Bear/El Ratoncito* and a Storybook Obstacle Course, in the park at Petersen Barn Community Ctr; *Honeybee* in Alton Baker Park near the Community Gardens. More info at 541-682-5450 or at [Eugene-or.gov/library](http://Eugene-or.gov/library).

Summer Reading for All Ages: Free Books and Book Bingo (thru Aug. 31), all Eugene Public Library locations.

Summer Reading Challenge (“Reading Colors Your World”) w/ Springfield Pub-

lic Library (June 11-Aug. 21). More info at [WhereMinds-Grow.Beanstack.org](http://WhereMinds-Grow.Beanstack.org).

The Emerald Art Center Presents the 2021 Dotty & Frank Light Family Summer Youth Art Camp (two camps in August). RSVP at [EmeraldArtCenter.org](http://EmeraldArtCenter.org).

Registration for Willamalane summer events, [Willamalane.org](http://Willamalane.org).

### MUSIC

Oregon Mozart Players: Oregon Mozart Players “Courage” w/ 2020 Young Soloist Competition Winners, (thru June 14). [OregonMozart-Players.org](http://OregonMozart-Players.org). \$5.

### RECREATION

Card games at High Mountain Poker. More info at 541-485-0090 and at [HighMountainPoker.com](http://HighMountainPoker.com).

### THEATER

*Marisol's Christmas and Watermelon Kisses* (thru June 30), Theatre.UOregon.edu.

### VOLUNTEER

An Invitation for Service (thru June 30), Mount Pisgah Arboretum, MountPisgahArboretum.org.

## THURSDAY JUNE 10

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Explore Oregon (thru Sunday), 11am-4pm. RSVP & more info at [MNCH.edu](http://MNCH.edu).

Oregon—Where Past is Present (thru Sunday), 11am-4pm. RSVP & more info at [MNCH.edu](http://MNCH.edu).

Artistic Encounters, noon-1pm, Kesey Square.

### GATHERINGS

Gifts for Grads at the Museum Store, 11am-4 pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 1680 East 15th Avenue.

### HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ [NAMILane.org](http://NAMILane.org). RSVP at [NAMILane.org](http://NAMILane.org).

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing through Discussion Support Group (via Zoom), 9:30-11am, [HealingAttention.org](http://HealingAttention.org). \$15.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education, 4-5pm, [PlannedParenthood.org](http://PlannedParenthood.org). \$100.

All About Zucchini w/ Heart of Willamette Cooking School, 5-6pm, [HowCookingSchool.com](http://HowCookingSchool.com). FREE-\$35, sliding scale.

Free Sound Meditation, 6-7pm, Owen Rose Garden.

### MUSIC

Miller Brothers Acoustic, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Skip Jones & Steve Arriola, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub.

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### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave.

### THEATER

*ART* by Yasmina Reza, 7:30pm, Oregon Contemporary Theatre. Ticket info at [OCTheatre.org](http://OCTheatre.org)

## FRIDAY JUNE 11

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Open Call for Handmade Artists & Makers, noon-6:30pm, The Emporium Veneta.

### GATHERINGS

Adult Art Kit: Photo Art, 10am, all Eugene Public Library locations.

Gifts for Grads at the Museum Store, 11am-4 pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, 1680 East 15th Avenue.

City Club of Eugene: "Why Playgrounds Are Worth The Price," noon, Eugene City Club Facebook. Aired again at 7pm Monday, June 14 on KLCC, 89.7 FM

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email [EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com](mailto:EugeneFoodNotBombs@gmail.com) for location), serves at 4pm at Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St. next to fountains.

Trans & Disability Group, 2-3pm, [Transponder.Community](http://Transponder.Community).

### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Fun in the Sun, 11am-4pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History. RSVP at [MNCH.UOregon.edu](http://MNCH.UOregon.edu).

Kids Night Out: Father's Day Gift, 6pm, Bob Keefer Ctr., Spfd. More info at [Willamalane.org](http://Willamalane.org).

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Creativity: Online Talk, noon. Zoom link at [EPLFoundation.org](http://EPLFoundation.org).

Expression Through Art (via Zoom), 4-5pm, [HealingAttention.org](http://HealingAttention.org). \$15.

### MUSIC

Mariache Del Shedd, 5pm, 5th Street Public Market Alley.

Emily Sangder, 5:30pm, 5th Street Public Market.

Jo Anne Broh, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Kelly Thibodeaux & Etouffee, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub.

Lynnea Barry: *Be-Bop-A-Lula Rockin' through the '50s*, 7:30pm. Tickets at [TheShedd.org](http://TheShedd.org).

You, Me and Pete, 7:30pm, The Public House, Spfd.

### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation (instruction provided), 7pm. Zoom only at [BlueCliffZen.org](http://BlueCliffZen.org).

### THEATER

*ART* by Yasmina Reza, 7:30pm, Oregon Contemporary Theatre. Ticket info at [OCTheatre.org](http://OCTheatre.org)

## SATURDAY JUNE 12

### COMEDY

Eugene Comedy Crescendo, 3-6pm, Applegate Regional Theater. \$10.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Saturday Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, 5th Ave. between High & Oak streets.

### GATHERINGS

Used Book Sale, 10am-4pm today & Sunday, Oregon Genealogical Library, 955 Oak Alley.

Gifts for Grads at the Museum Store, 11am-4 pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Trans Community Support Group, 3:30-5pm, [Transponder.Community](http://Transponder.Community).

90's vs. 2000's Dance Party, Blairalley, 8pm-midnight.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Fun in the Sun, 11am-4pm, Museum of Natural and Cultural History. RSVP at [MNCH.UOregon.edu](http://MNCH.UOregon.edu).

### LECTURES/CLASSES

From Stonewall riots to Black Lives Matter discussion, 1:15-2:15pm. More info at [DSAEugene.org](http://DSAEugene.org).

### MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-4pm, Park Blocks, 8th Ave. & Oak St.

### MUSIC

Chapwititi presents: The Sounds of Zimbabwean Marimba, 2:30pm, Kesey Square.

The Jeanne Gregg Band, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub.

Lynnea Barry: *Be-Bop-A-Lula Rockin' through the '50s*, 7:30pm. Tickets at [TheShedd.org](http://TheShedd.org).

St. Clair Trio, 7:30pm, Beer-garden.

### ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show, 10pm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF.org.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

### OUTDOORS

Sasquatch Duro bike race (near Oakridge), all day. More info at [BikerReg.com](http://BikerReg.com).

### THEATER

*ART* by Yasmina Reza, 7:30pm, Oregon Contemporary Theatre. Ticket info at [OCTheatre.org](http://OCTheatre.org)

### RECREATION

Living River Exploration Day, 8am-4pm, Green Island, End of Green Island Rd. More info at [Mckenzie-River.org](http://Mckenzie-River.org).

2nd Saturday Trivia, 6-8pm, Viking Braggot Co. on Commercial St.

### RUNNING

Run 4 Love! 5k & 10k Run/Walk, 11:30am-4pm, Alton Baker Park. Info at [EclecticEdgeRacing.com](http://EclecticEdgeRacing.com). \$10-30.

## SUNDAY

### JUNE 13

#### GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at [BurritoBrigade.org](http://BurritoBrigade.org).

#### HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Spfd.

#### MARKETS

Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, 4th & Blair at Scobert Park.

#### MUSIC

A Family for Every Child Presents: Heart of Country 2021, noon-4:30pm, [AFamilyForEveryChild.org](http://AFamilyForEveryChild.org).

Emily Sangder, 2pm, 5th Street Market Alley.

Eugene Vocal Arts: In Celebration of Women, 2:30pm, Hult Ctr. Tickets & streaming info at [HultCenter.org](http://HultCenter.org).

SymphonyGO!, 2:30pm, 5th Street Market Alley.

Lynnea Barry: *Be-Bop-A-Lula Rockin' through the '50s*, 3pm. Tickets at [TheShedd.org](http://TheShedd.org).

#### RECREATION

Brewers Guild Bingo, 3-6pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on Facebook).

#### SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, [Eugene-Insight.com](http://Eugene-Insight.com)

## MONDAY

### JUNE 14

#### GATHERINGS

Friends of the Library: June Book Sale, 9am, online at [LibraryFriendsMarket.com](http://LibraryFriendsMarket.com).

#### KIDS/FAMILY

Kids Art Kit, 10am, all Eugene Public Library locations.

#### LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). FREE-\$4.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education, 4-5:15pm, [PlannedParenthood.org](http://PlannedParenthood.org). \$100.

#### MUSIC

SymphonyGO!, 6:30pm, Petersen Community Ctr.

#### ON THE AIR

"Swervin' In My Lane," 4-6pm, KOCF, 92.7 FM

#### TEENS

Tween and Teen Kit: Keychains, 10am, all Eugene Public Library locations.

## TUESDAY

### JUNE 15

#### ART/CRAFT

Artistic Encounters, noon-1pm, Kesey Square.

#### FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am, Park Blocks, 8th Avenue and Oak Street.

#### GATHERINGS

Tell Your Story!, 6pm, Word-Crafters.org.

#### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Storytime, 11am, Eugene Public Library Facebook.

#### LECTURES/CLASSES

Gentle Restorative Yoga w/ Robert, 10am, [HealingAttention.org](http://HealingAttention.org). \$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at [MeditateInEugene.org](http://MeditateInEugene.org). \$1.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education, 4-5pm, [PlannedParenthood.org](http://PlannedParenthood.org). \$100.

Figure Drawing, 6-9pm, The Church.



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*By Will Kennedy*

## LITERARY ARTS

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm, Transponder.Community.

## MUSIC

Rooster's Blues Jam, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub.

SymphonyGO!, 6:30pm, Alton Baker Park.

## SPECTATOR SPORTS

Eugene Emeralds vs. Hillsboro Hops, 7:05pm, PK Park. Tickets at MiLB/Eugene.

## WEDNESDAY

JUNE 16

## GATHERINGS

Sunset Yoga, 5:30pm, Dorris Ranch, Spd. More info at Willamalane.org. \$5-6.

## KIDS/FAMILY

Storytime w/ Springfield Public Library, 10-10:30am, WhereMindsGrow.org.

## LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Nia: Moving to Heal, 3-4pm, HealingAttention.org. \$15.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education, 4-5:15pm, Planned Parenthood.org. \$100.

Gender Diverse Yoga, 5:30-6:30pm, Transponder Community.

## MUSIC

Jazz & Variety, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub.

Rudolf Korv, 7pm, The Public House, Spfd.

## SPECTATOR SPORTS

Eugene Emeralds vs. Hillsboro Hops, 7:05pm, PK Park. Tickets at MiLB/Eugene.

## SPIRITUAL

Eugene Insight Meditation Community morning practice session, 10am, EugeneInsight.com.

## THURSDAY

JUNE 17

## ARTS/CRAFTS

Explore Oregon (thru Sunday), 11am-4pm. RSVP & more info at MNCH.edu.

Oregon—Where Past is Present (thru Sunday),

11am-4pm. RSVP & more info at MNCH.edu.

Artistic Encounters, noon-1pm, Kesey Square.

## FILM

Springfilm: *The Bee Gees: How Can You Mend A Broken Heart* live stream & discussion, 6:30pm. More info at WhereMindsGrow.org.

## GATHERINGS

Make a Relief Kit for Refugees, 4-7pm, First United Methodist Church.

Paint and Party - Butterfly & Flower, 6-8:30pm, Galleria at The Smith. \$40.

## LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing through Discussion Support Group (via Zoom), 9:30-11am, HealingAttention.org. \$15.

Live Virtual Sexuality Education, 4-5pm, Planned Parenthood.org. \$100.

rEV Up Workshop-Learn the basics of owning an electric vehicle, new or used, 7-8:30pm, EAA-1967. ClubExpress.com.

## MUSIC

The Porch Band, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

Skip Jones & Steve Arriola, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub.

HipBilys, 7pm, Beergarden.

## ON THE AIR

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## SPIRITUAL

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Story goes that the iconic rockabilly tune "Blue Suede Shoes," popularized by Elvis Presley, was written by Carl Perkins in 1955 when, during a concert, he overheard an audience member scolding a dance partner for scuffing up his fancy footwear.

Although that origin story is disputed, tales of this sort are just the kind of context Lynnea Barry hopes to provide when she emcees her showcase *Be-Bop-A-Lula: Rockin' through the '50s*, June 11 through the 13 at The Shedd.

The show features a long list of hits from throughout the '50s and early '60s in styles ranging from country to doo-wop, performed by some of The Shedd's most well-known voices like Bill Hulings, Siri Vik and Tracy Williams Tooze.

It's also only the third time that stage lights have illuminated an in-house production at the Jaqua Concert Hall since the pandemic, made possible by Lane County COVID-19 safety restrictions easing somewhat throughout the spring.

A veteran performer in her own right, Barry added acting as artistic director for the show in which she also performs, to her day job as corporate relations manager at The Shedd.

Through collaboration, she developed the setlist, prioritizing variety in style but also seeking to reflect the tremendous social change at the time with social justice classics like "A Change is Gonna Come" from the legendary soul singer Sam Cooke, among many others.

"The song selection: It's fun, but it was a process," Barry says. "I was going through so much material figuring out what was going to be doable."

There's also some Motown flair in the show, she says, as well as country hits, like "The Tennessee Waltz," a 1950 hit for Patti Page written by Redd Stewart and Pee Wee King.

This era is also, of course, rock 'n' roll's first golden age, so expect plenty of that as well.

Singing "Blue Suede Shoes," among others, is baritone

Bill Hulings, a familiar face for Shedd audiences.

Hulings says that although he's too young to remember when this music topped the charts, he does remember hearing well-known radio DJ Casey Kasem playing these songs on his radio show every Sunday morning.

"That's when I first heard 'Rockin' Robin,' 'Be-Bop-a-Lula,' Chubby Checker and the rest," Hulings adds in an email. "The music is a strong part of my childhood."

He continues, "In rehearsal, I was surprised at how I couldn't stop dancing while singing the songs. It's no wonder they wouldn't show Elvis from the waist down."

For her part, the theatrical jazz singer Siri Vik has a new appreciation for how truly great the singers were from that time.

While learning the music, she thought, "How many times have I heard these tunes?"

She says, "It all sounds so easy, humming along in the car. But actually, working the song into my own voice, it's another thing altogether. It makes you realize these are timeless records for a reason. It's a sharp learning curve, but I love that discovery."

Backing up the vocalists live on stage will be the show's musical director Keri Davis on piano, Don Elkington on drums, Steve Arriola on guitar and Nathan Waddell on electric bass. Rounding out the arrangements will be Jonathan Corona playing various reed instruments and Della Davies on violin.

Barry says she hopes *Be-Bop-A-Lula* will be first in a series of concerts showcasing music from the era, and that the COVID shutdown was a "time to develop what we do, better."

Other post-pandemic initiatives from the downtown arts organization may include a Mariachi music festival, she says.

*Be-Bop-A-Lula: Rockin' through the '50s is 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday June 11 and 12, with a 3 pm matinee on Sunday June 13 in the Jaqua Concert Hall at The Shedd Institute for the Arts. Tickets range from \$14.50 for students to \$30; all-ages. Attendance is limited and audience masking is required.*

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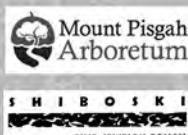
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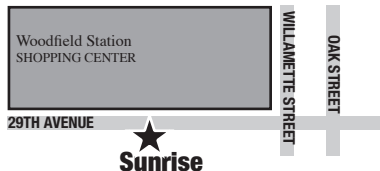


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# Best Potted Plants (For) Ever

LARGE POTS LEAD TO LONG PLANT LIVES

*By Rachel Foster*

**M**ost gardeners know that when it comes to container gardening, large pots are best: for the plants, for the caregiver and for visual impact. Nice ones are expensive, but even one big pot, grouped with smaller ones, can make an imposing arrangement. And you can offset the cost of that big, beautiful pot by planting it with something that will last through many seasons.

After years of *laissez faire* container gardening, I can suggest a few candidates.

A large pot doesn't have to mean huge, but depth is important. My largest are 18 to 20 inches high by 15 to 16 wide. I consider the low end of "large" to be about 15 by 12. Stoneware and concrete pots are best, but terracotta works if you can keep the pot out of the rain in winter. I consider plastic a last resort as it does not age well.

I've been astounded at how long some plants — shrubs, mostly — can live in a container without repotting. My longest-lived container plant is a dwarf hinoki cypress. It was not young when it moved house with us 11 years ago, so my best guess is that it is now at least 16 years old. In response to limited resources it has morphed over time through self-pruning, from a dense, irregular cone shape to a more characterful open structure that sheds some green bits every year. Well, they die and turn brown. It's up to me to rub them away with my fingers. It doesn't take long.

Two other evergreen plants that can last a long time in a pot are *Drimys* or pepper bush (*Tasmania lanceolata*) and boxwood. Both do well in sun or shade. *Drimys* produces many pretty little tufts of small cream flowers in spring that contrast nicely with the plant's dark leaves and burgundy stems. Boxwood comes in many forms, two of them with cream variegation.

These evergreen shrubs are not showy, but they provide a sturdy backbone to a mixed group of pots and also look great in winter.

If you would prefer a flowering plant, roses are an excellent choice. You want roses with many flowers and continuous bloom. Miniature and patio roses can be grown in fairly small pots, but for a very long life in a larger pot, good bets are Floribunda varieties and oddball dwarf roses such as "The Fairy" and "Little White Pet." All will need regular pruning and fertilizing.

Want something several feet tall? Small varieties of upright Japanese maple are perfect, and they look nice even after they drop their autumn leaves. I dug a seedling out of the garden 10 years ago and put it in a pot. It is still thriving. If you have plenty of room, a potted weeping Japanese maple looks magnificent in isolation.

Hydrangeas don't look like much in winter, in or out of a pot, but they take well to container culture and make a dramatic summer statement. A hydrangea will slurp up lots of water. And, of course, all container plants need very regular watering and a feed with liquid fertilizer in spring and again around mid-summer. Most benefit from re-potting every few years, but they can also do remarkably well without it.

*Rachel Foster lives and gardens in Eugene. She can be reached at [rfoster@efn.org](mailto:rfoster@efn.org).*



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** [Probate Department] Case No. 21PB04110, NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID JAMES HUSTON, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 14, 2021, JESSICA LEA RAMSEY was appointed and deemed qualified to act as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present these claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative, in care of Brian D. Cox, Attorney at Law, 142 W. 8th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information

from the records of the court, or the attorney for the personal representative. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED: 05/27/21. /s/ Brian D. Cox, OSB #902405, Attorney for Personal Representative

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY** PABLO ESPINOZA TELLES, Plaintiff, v. JOHN DOE; ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; AND ALL OTHER OCCUPANTS, Defendants. Case No. 21CVI6540 SUMMONS. TO: Defendants All Other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming Any Right, Title, Lien or Interest in the Property Described in the Complaint Herein and All Other Occupants: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above case within thirty days after the first date of publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and defend, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and the demand for relief are: The Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the property and is entitled to possession of the property, and seeks ejectment of all others withholding possession and damages in the sum of \$1,300 per month from February 26, 2021 onward for withholding possession until the court delivers its verdict, Plaintiff's costs and disbursements, for issuance of a writ of assistance, and other relief the court deems just and proper. The real property is located at 251 North River Road, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424, and legally described as follows: Beginning in Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, at a point North 43° 5' East 393 feet distance from the Northeast corner of Block 1, D. G. MCFARLAND'S SECOND ADDITION to Cottage Grove, Oregon, as platted and recorded in Book 2, Page 23, Lane County Oregon Plat Records; running thence North 10° East 340.68 feet to the true point of beginning; thence North 10° East 36.12 feet; thence North 24° 10' East 71 feet; thence South 65° 50' East 182 1/2 feet; thence South 28° 10' West 104 1/2 feet; thence North 65° 50' West 160.34 feet to the true point of beginning, in Lane County, Oregon. **NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: READ THESE CAREFULLY!** You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "answer." The motion or answer or reply must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at [www.oregonstatebar.org](http://www.oregonstatebar.org) or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. LUVAS COBB, Of Attorneys for Plaintiff. By:/s/ Andrew

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## Jonesin' Crossword

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### Across

- File extensions?
- Chipotle option, for short
- Gifford's TV successor
- Neckwear for Fred in "Scooby-Doo"
- "Take \_\_\_" (1985 hit)
- "\_\_\_ Everything"
- Nicknames of two legendary bebop musicians (and the title of their 1952 album)
- "Swan Lake" movement
- Oscar-winning role for Forest
- \_\_\_ Maria (coffee liqueur)
- They're risky
- Obligation
- Way to look inward?
- "The Matrix" role for Keanu
- Country duo behind "Ain't Nothing 'bout You" and "Boot Scootin' Boogie"
- Ant habitat
- Twisted tale
- Item on a ring
- Get together
- Out-and-out battle
- Syndicate bosses
- U.S. hwy.
- Soldier or solder material
- "Everybody Loves Raymond" surname
- Caillou's Daddy and Mommy, according to the official website (sorry, parents, I feel your pain)
- Open \_\_\_ night
- Spotted
- State, to Sarkozy
- Red, white, and blue frozen treat
- "It's whatever"
- MV divided by V
- "What You're Made Of, We're Made For" insurance co.
- The McKenzie brothers of SCTV's "Great White North" sketches
- "Le Freak" disco group
- Character before Borat

- Sierra \_\_\_ (California range)
- Hit the bottom
- Supreme Court garb
- "People tell me ..."

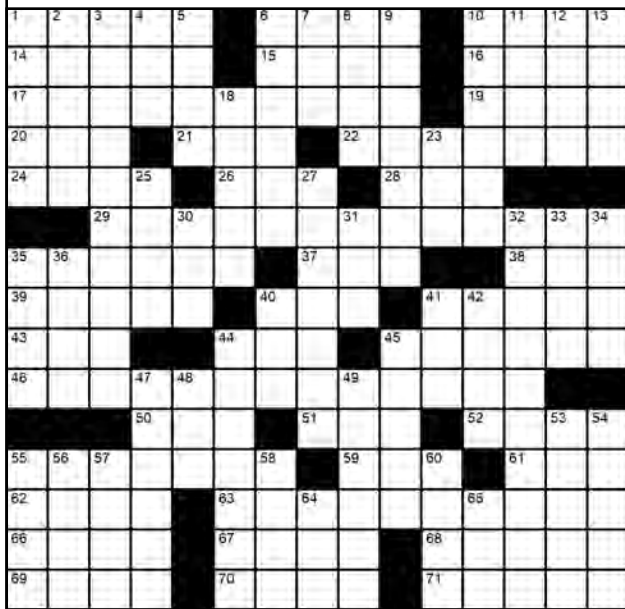
### Down

- Beyond zealous
- Line that breaks the fourth wall
- More illegible, like some signatures
- "\_\_\_ Save America" (show cohosted by Jon Favreau) (no, the other Jon Favreau)
- Sports factoid that I'll never understand
- Lose luminosity
- Sturm \_\_\_ Drang (German artistic movement)
- In the center of
- "The Card Players" painter Paul
- 2013 Eminem song that has a Guinness World Record

### "BAD Company"

-it works, initially.

- Without much movement
- Twosome
- Iowa State University location
- "Three Men and a Baby" director Leonard
- Homer Simpson's neighbor
- It's slower than a gallop
- Archipelago components
- It depicts "the unit of counting or measurement," per Wikipedia
- Inflatable couch filler
- SWIP, for Westminster Abbey, e.g.
- Inert lamp gas
- Wall St. fixture
- "\_\_\_ Your Enthusiasm" (Larry David show)
- Unfooled by
- Prevail
- Station wagon, e.g.
- Indy 500 winner Luyendyk
- Buffet that might have several salsas
- Current "SNL" cast member Yang
- Return remark
- Wee drink
- Adjuster's assessment
- Upscale Honda
- "Life of Pi" feline
- Super Bowl XXXVII champs
- Accident prevention org.
- Principal
- Ralph Lauren brand
- Cable that connects to a TV
- Lobster shack wear
- "Well, la-di-freakin'-\_\_\_!"



ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S





# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Aries actor Leonard Nimoy became mega-famous by playing the role of Spock, an alien from the planet Vulcan in the *Star Trek* franchise. He always enjoyed the role, but in 1975 he wrote an autobiography called *I Am Not Spock*. In it, he clarified how different he was from the character he performed. In 1995, Nimoy published a follow-up autobiography, *I Am Spock*, in which he described the ways in which he was similar to the fictional alien. In the spirit of Nimoy's expansive self-definition, Aries, and in accordance with current astrological potentials, I invite you to make it clear to people exactly who you are and who you aren't.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): The poet Rumi declared, "A lover has four streams inside, of water, wine, honey and milk." With that in mind, Taurus, I will recommend that you seek a boost in the honey department. Your passions and feelings have been flowing along fairly well, but lately they've lacked some sweetness. As a result, you're not receiving as much of the sweetness you need from the world around you. So your assignment is to intensify the honey stream within you! Remember the principle, "Like attracts like."

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): I'm glad you're not on the planet Saturn right now. The winds there can blow at 1,000 miles per hour. But I would like you to feel a brisk breeze as you wander around in nature here on Earth. Why? Because according to my interpretation of the current astrological omens, winds will have a cleansing effect on you. They will clear your mind of irrelevant worries and trivial concerns. They'll elevate your thoughts as well as your feelings. Do you know the origin of the English word "inspire"? It's from the Latin word *inspirare*, meaning "blow into, breathed upon by spirit." Its figurative meaning is "to inspire, excite, inflame." The related Latin word *spiritus* refers to "a breathing of the wind" and "breath of a god"—hence "inspiration; breath of life."

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Cancerian author Franz Kafka put his characters into surreal dilemmas. In his novella *The Metamorphosis*, for example, the hero wakes up one day to find he has transformed into a giant insect. Despite his feral imagination, however, Kafka had a pragmatic relationship with consumerism. "I do not read advertisements," he said. "I would spend all of my time wanting things." In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to adopt his earthy attitude for the next two weeks. Take a break from wanting things, period. Experiment with feeling free of all the yearnings that constantly demand your attention. Please note: This break in the action won't be forever. It's just a vacation. When you return to wanting things, your priorities will have been realigned and healed, and you'll feel refreshed.

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Author Umberto Eco declared that beauty is boring because it "must always follow certain rules." A beautiful nose has to be just the right shape and size, he said, while an "ugly nose" can be ugly in a million different unpredictable ways. I find his definition narrow and boring, and prefer that of philosopher Francis Bacon, who wrote, "There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion." Poet Charles Baudelaire agreed, saying, "That which is not slightly distorted lacks sensible appeal: from which it follows that irregularity — that is to say, the unexpected, surprise and astonishment — is an essential part and characteristic of beauty." Then there's the Japanese concept of wabi-sabi, which reveres beauty that's imperfect, transitory and incomplete. Beginning now, and for the rest of 2021, Leo, I encourage you to ignore Eco's dull beauty and cultivate your relationship with the more interesting kind.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): One of the more evocative passages in J. R. R. Tolkien's novel *The Return of the King* is about the warrior Éowyn. It says, "Then the heart of Éowyn changed, or else at last she understood it. And suddenly her winter passed, and the sun shone on her." I'm predicting a comparable transformation for you in the near future, Virgo. There'll be some fundamental shift in the way your heart comprehends life. When that happens, you will clearly fathom some secrets about your heart that have previously been vague or inaccessible. And then the sun will shine upon you with extra brilliance.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Libran actor and author Carrie Fisher had more than the average number of inner demons. Yet she accomplished a lot, and was nominated for and won many professional awards. Here's the advice she gave: "Stay afraid, but do it anyway. What's important is the action. You don't have to wait to be confident." I hope you'll employ that strategy in the coming weeks, dear Libra. The time is favorable for you to work hard on your number one goal no matter what your emotions might be at any particular moment.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Scorpio author Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881) had a gambling addiction for many years. At one point, he lost so much money betting on roulette that he had to take drastic measures. He wrote a novella in record time — just 16 days — so as to raise money to pay his debt. The story was titled *The Gambler*. Its hero was a not-very-successful gambler. Is there a comparable antidote in your future, Scorpio? A gambit that somehow makes use of the problem to generate the cure? I suspect there is.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): In her poem "Escape," Michelle Tudor addresses a lover: "Inside of you: a dream raging to be set free." She implies that she would like to be a collaborator who provides assistance and inspiration in liberating her companion's dream. The coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to make a similar offer to an ally you care for — and to ask that ally to do the same for you. And by the way: What is the dream inside you that's raging to be set free? And what's the dream inside your comrade?

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Author Martha Beck has helpful counsel for you to keep returning to during the coming weeks. "It isn't necessary to know exactly how your ideal life will look," she writes. "You only have to know what feels better and what feels worse. Begin making choices based on what makes you feel freer and happier, rather than on how you think an ideal life should look. It's the process of feeling our way toward happiness, not the realization of the Platonic ideal, that creates our best lives."

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Aquarian author James Dickey celebrated "the holy secret of flowing." But he added, "You must be made for it." In other words, he implied that the secret of flowing is a luxury only some of us have access to. And because we "must be made for it," he seemed to suggest that being in possession of the secret of flowing is due to luck or genetics or privilege. But I reject that theory. I think anyone can tap into the secret of flowing if they have the desire and intention to do so. Like you! Right now! You're primed to cultivate a robust relationship with the holy flow.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Why do humans enjoy much longer life spans than other higher primates? Here's one reason: grandmothers. Anthropologists propose that earlier in our evolution, families with elder females especially thrived. The grandmothers helped care for children, ensuring greater health for everyone as well as a higher rate of reproduction than grandmother-less broods. Their longevity genes got passed on, creating more grandmothers. Lucky! Having older women around while growing up has been key to the success of many of us. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to celebrate and honor the role your own grandmothers and female elders have played in your life. And if you're a grandmother, celebrate and honor yourself!

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LAKE** Juvenile Department In the Matter of ARIEA JUNE FETTER, A Child. Case No. 20JU02837 PUBLISHED SUMMONS. TO: Samantha Lee Watson and Michael Scott Fetter IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A petition has been filed asking the court to enter a judgment determining that Michael Scott Fetter is the legal and biological father of the above-named child under ORS 419B.395. YOU ARE DIRECTED: TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER to the petition NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF LAST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS, specified herein, admitting or denying the allegations in the petition and informing the court of your current residence address, mailing address and telephone number. YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE MAILED TO Lane County Courthouse, 2727 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Eugene, OR 97401. You are further directed to appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated May 11, 2021. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, making four publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County. Date of first publication: 05/20/21. Date of last publication: 06/10/21. NOTICE READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY A petition has been filed asking the court to enter a judgment determining that Michael Scott Fetter is the legal and biological father of the above-named child under ORS 419B.395. No later than 30 days after a petition has been filed, each person about whom allegations have been made in the petition must admit or deny the allegations. Unless directed otherwise above, the admission or denial may be orally at the hearing or filed with the court in writing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR OR FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER AS DIRECTED ABOVE, OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING, the court may proceed without further notice and take jurisdiction of the child either ON EITHER THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE, and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law, including but not limited to, establishing wardship over the child, ordering the removal of the child from the legal and physical custody of the parent(s) or guardian(s) and, if the petition alleges that the child has been physically or sexually abused, restraining you from having contact with, or attempting to contact the child and requiring you to move from the household in which the child resides. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER. If you wish to be represented by an attorney, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU AT STATE EXPENSE, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY CONTACT the Lane County Circuit Court, (541) 682-4754, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for further information. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND TO KEEP YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISED OF YOUR WHEREABOUTS. If you are a parent or other person legally obligated to support the child, you have the obligation to support the child. You may be required to pay for compensation and other expenses for the child's attorney. You may be required to pay support for the child while the child is in state financed or state supported custody. You may be required to provide health insurance coverage for the child while the child is in state financed or state supported custody. You may be required to pay other costs that arise from the child being in the jurisdiction of the court. If you are ordered to pay for the child's support or there is an existing order of support from a divorce or other proceeding, that support order may be assigned to the state to apply to the costs of the child's care. If you contest the petition, the court will schedule a hearing on the allegations of the petition and order you to appear personally and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and order you to appear personally. PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY James F. Tierney, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 975 Oak Street, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401, Phone: (541)686-7973. ISSUED this 13th day of May, 2021. Issued by: /s/ James F. Tierney, OSB#135444, Assistant Attorney General

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, YAVAPAI COUNTY.** Regarding the matter of Joanna Livengood, Petitioner, and Ryan Edward Livengood, Respondent. P1300D0202100130 SUMMONS. WARNING: THIS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT A LAWYER FOR HELP. FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO Ryan Edward Livengood. 1. A Lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this Summons. 2. If you do not want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file a written Response with the Court, and pay the filing fee. If you do not respond, the other party may be given the relief requested in

his or her Petition. To file a written Response, take or send the Response to the Clerk of Superior Court, Yavapai County Courthouse, 120 S. Cortez Street, Prescott AZ 86303 or Clerk of Superior Court, Yavapai County Superior Court, 2840 N. Commonwealth Drive, Camp Verde AZ 86322. Mail a copy of your Response to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons. 3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff, within the State of Arizona, you must respond within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If this Summons and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or sheriff outside the State of Arizona, you must respond within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete 30 days after the date of the first publication. **NOTICE:** If you signed an Acceptance of Service, you must file your Response within 20 days from the date you signed the Acceptance of Service. 4. Copies of the court papers filed in this case are available from the Petitioner at the address at the top of this paper, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court at the addresses listed in Paragraph 2 above. SIGNED AND SEALED this dated: Feb 26 2021. Donna McQualley, Clerk of the Superior Court. By: /s/ M. ARREDONDO, Deputy Clerk. REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES MUST BE MADE TO THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ASSIGNED TO THE CASE FIVE DAYS BEFORE ANY SCHEDULED COURT DATE.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Tami S.P. Beach has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Susan Mary Easton, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 21PB04252. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of first publication: 06/03/21. ATTORNEY/PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Tami S.P. Beach, 1184 Olive Street, Eugene, OR 97401



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**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** Claims against the Estate of Virginia Vaughn Berggren, Deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 21PB04529, are required to be presented to the Co-Personal Representatives, Elizabeth Berggren and Bryce Berggren at 180 East 11th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, within four (4) months from 06/10/21, the date of first publication, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. **HERSHNER HUNTER, LLP, Attorneys**

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF LLOYD MAURICE HAWKINS LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB0291.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the Personal Representative Holli Louise Rogers, c/o Wendy L. Laing, HUTCHINSON COX, PO Box 10886, Eugene, Oregon 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, named above. **DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED 06/03/21**

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT** Case No. 21PB04191 In the Matter of the Estate of **ALLEN GEORGE QUIJADA**, Decedent, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Mark L. Sangree and Joan F. Hutson have been appointed copersonal representatives. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the aforementioned copersonal representatives c/o Jefferson Forrest Law, Attn:

Jefferson Forrest, 1863 Pioneer Parkway E., No. 632, Springfield, OR 97477, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the copersonal representatives, or attorney for the copersonal representatives, Jefferson Forrest Law, Attn: Jefferson Forrest, 1863 Pioneer Parkway E., No. 632, Springfield, OR 97477. This notice was first published on 06/03/21.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Bobby Allen Morrow, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 21PB04562. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 06/10/21. Phyllis Diane Morrow, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavrilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have accepted to act as the Successor Co-Trustees of the Heather C. Wilson Living Trust, created on April 4, 1994, restated on February 13, 2018, and is currently in existence. All persons having claims against Heather C. Wilson or the Heather C. Wilson Living Trust are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Trustee at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Trust may obtain additional information from the Trustees, or the attorney for the Trustees. Dated and first published: 06/10/21. Janelle L.W. Mahoney and Don Gary Reitz. Kay Hyde-Patton, Attorney for Successor Co-Trustees, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS:** Probate proceedings in the Estate of Ann Louise Kleinsasser, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 21PB04542, and Katherine L. Kleinsasser has been appointed Personal

Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above-entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 10th day of June, 2021.

**NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS:** Probate proceedings in the Estate of Maralee M. Murray Trotter, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 21PB03198, and Anne G. Murray has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above-entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 3rd day of June, 2021.

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#### I SAW YOU

**BLUE SHIRT, BLUE EYES.** You were running on Hilyard and 30th as I drove by, we locked eyes and both smiled, I wish I hadn't passed you by.

# SAVAGE LOVE

## Dumplings BY DAN SAVAGE



*I've been living with my boyfriend for a year. We met on FetLife and I was honest about being in an open relationship (at the time) and seeking a sexual connection over a relationship. But, one nut after another, pretty soon we were professing our love for each other and he shared that he wanted to be the father of my children. However, right before he moved in I found out he was still texting other women despite asking me not to text, sext, or have sex with any other men. He also regularly "yucks my yum" and makes fun of the types of porn I watch and calls it "gross" (my thing for cuckolding being his main target), and he also tells insists men can't be friends with women, yet he's still friends with women he's had sex with. He hides the fact he is masturbating from me but expects to participate in all my masturbation sessions. He claims we have no sexual secrets but I snooped and learned he was looking at porn with titles like "TS," "sissy," "gay," and "BBW Black." It makes me feel small because of the nagging feeling I may not be his cup of tea since he hides these other interests from me while not allowing me to hide anything from him. I also worry that his "affection" for my black BBW ass may be no different than his objectification of trans women. He says he doesn't want to "burden" me with "rapey" sex play but I am open to sex of all kinds of sex, not just the softcore-porn-type kind — so long as he doesn't start by rubbing my boobs like they're doorknobs. I am at my wits end. I already emailed an LGBTQIA+ friendly couples counselor because we are both scared the relationship will end. But I can't keep turning a blind eye to his half-truths, double standards and hypocrisy.*

— Feeling Extremely Tense

#### BREAK UP.

This guy sounds like equal parts asshole and mess. And he needs to work on that — he needs to clean up his mess — on his own. You can't do the work for him, FET, and I would urge you to resist the urge to use the relationship as leverage. Because by staying in this relationship despite his half-truths, his double standards, and his hypocrisies — by sticking around to be shamed and manipulated — you're sending him a message that says, "It's fine, you're fine, we're fine." Perhaps I shouldn't say, "You're sending him a message," because this shit isn't your fault, FET. But he will self-servingly interpret your willingness to stay and work on the relationship — as if the relationship is the problem here — as proof that he doesn't need to do something about his own shit. He will assume he can continue to get away with being a controlling, manipulative, and sex-shaming asshole... *because he's getting away with it.*

When your current boyfriend "yucks your yum," when he says the porn you like is gross, he's projecting the shame he feels about all the non-normative (but perfectly wonderful) stuff that turns him on. When someone vomits their shame all over you, FET, getting yourself out of vomit-range is your best option. And for the record: I don't think your boyfriend is mess because he's interested in more kinds of sex than he admits or more types of women than just your type of woman or dudes or power games that touch on gender roles and/or taboos. And the fact that he's hiding his attraction to trans women from you isn't by itself proof that he objectifies trans women, FET, or that he's objectifying you. You don't know how he would interact (or how he has interacted) with a trans partner. What you do know is he treats you like shit and makes you feel bad about yourself and demands transparency from you without being transparent in return. DTMFA.

P.S. Please don't let his shitty comments about your turn-ons lead you to doubt your desirability — just the fact that you're into cuckolding makes you something of a prize, FET, as there are easily a hundred times as many men into cuckolding as there are women. It wouldn't take you long to replace a guy who shames you for being into cuckolding with a guy who absolutely worships you for it.

P.P.S. I don't think you had grounds to snoop, FET, or a need to snoop. You knew everything you needed to know about this guy before you found his secret undeleted browser history. Insisting you cut your male friends and exes out of your life was reason enough to end this relationship.

*I'm an out 26-year-old gay man with a 30-year-old boyfriend who is not out. That's fine. Everyone gets to come out at their own pace. We have been together for three years and lived together for two. Which is also fine. I like living with him. But he "jokingly" calls me his "faggy roommate" and sometimes puts me down about being gay when we are around mutual friends so people won't think he's gay.*

— Just Over Keeping Everything Secret

#### NO.

Everyone gets to come out at their own pace — sure, OK, I guess, whatever. But closeted adult gay men don't get to heap insults on their out gay sex partners in order to throw mutals off the scent. (The scent of cock on their breath.) Unless you get off on this treatment and write in to brag (not a single question mark detected in your email), JOKES, you need to DTMFCCA. ("Dump the motherfucking closet case already.")

*I'm a fit and healthy 66-year-old woman. (Vegan 53 years and have never been sick a day in my life!) I've been told I look 40ish — so not too bad! I was married for 20 years and then sat on the bench without so much as one date for 18 years because I was a hardworking single mom of three kids. So I met a guy about six years ago. I was dating around a bit at the time and figured he was, too. Well, I later found out he had me "checked out and followed" and even hacked my computer, where he found a couple of sexy emails to another guy. We were not exclusive at the time and years later — six years later — he throws the details of one particular email I sent to another in my face every chance he gets. He has actually told me he was dating other women when we first met. Of course he was! No big deal at all but it irks me that he hired someone to follow my every move! (He even accused me of getting paid for sex and said he had proof! Totally false!) We have been engaged and I am holding back from marrying him. Otherwise, he is good to me. What's the deal here?*

— Engaged Dame Grows Edgy

#### RUN.

This is emotional abuse — hurling that none-of-his-business email in your face every chance he gets — and it's gonna get worse if you marry him. This kind of shit always gets worse after the wedding, e.g. it gets worse once getting away from someone like this requires lawyers and court dates. DTMFA. There's a huge difference between the kind of lapse in judgement that might prompt someone to snoop and hiring a private investigator to track someone's movements. Someone who would do that — someone who would essentially out-source stalking you — isn't a person you're obligated to break up face-to-face or sit down with to give them "closure." Prioritize your safety, EDGE. A text message and a block are all the closure he needs and far more consideration than he deserves.

P.S. Veganism is healthy and an all-plant diet is good for the planet. And it's wonderful that you haven't been sick a day in your life! But we're all going to die — it's just that some of us are going to die with a slice of cheese pizza in our greasy hands.

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